

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 12-28 were rejected. Claims 1, 25, and 26 will be amended.

The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action, and to render all the claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8, 15, 16, and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Adams et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,380,978). Applicants assert that Adams does not anticipate the present inventions claimed in claims 1-8, 15, 16, and 25-27 because it does not teach every element of the inventions.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 28:

A display device for a vehicle having a seat, comprising:
an assembly housing adapted to mount the display device for view by a passenger at a rear seat;
a receiver adapted to receive at least one of video and audio signals from at least two input sources; and
at least one wireless transmitter operatively coupled to said receiver, adapted to wirelessly transmit the signals from the at least two input sources to at least one wireless headphone set,
wherein said display device is adapted to reproduce the video signals for viewing by the passenger;
wherein the at least two input sources comprise one input source providing signals to one headphone and a second input source providing signals to a second head phone.

No new issues are believed presented by the incorporation of claim 28 into claim 1.

Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to further specify that... at least two wireless transmitters operatively coupled to said receiver, wherein a first wireless

transmitter is adapted to wirelessly transmit the signals from one of the two input sources to a first wireless headphone set, and wherein a second wireless transmitter is adapted to wirelessly transmit the signals from the other of the two input sources to a second wireless headphone set. Having this configuration, more than one passenger at a rear seat can have a variety of selections from multi-media including TV, VCR, DVD, CD, radio, and video games at the same time. Each passenger may tune to either the same program, or may tune to a different audio or video media being displayed.

Adams discloses a portable DVD player having deinterlacing capabilities. The DVD player is shown for use in a number of applications including for viewing and listening by a passenger in a vehicle and for viewing and listening while a person is exercising (see Figs. 2A and 2C). However, Adams does not contemplate the use of the DVD device by more than one person at the same time.

Therefore, Adams does not teach the ability to present separate audio or video programs at the same time. Accordingly, Adams does not disclose or suggest “at least two input sources comprise one input source providing signals to one headphone and a second input source providing signals to a second head phone” as claimed in claim 1 or “a first wireless transmitter adapted to wirelessly transmit signals from one of two input sources to a first wireless headphone set, and a second wireless transmitter adapted to wirelessly transmit the signals from the other of the two input sources to a second wireless headphone set”, essentially as claimed in claims 25 and 26. Claims 1, 25, and 26 are therefore believed to be patentably distinct and not rendered obvious in view of Adams.

Claims 2-10, 12-24, and 27 depend from claim 1 and thus include the patentable

features of claim 1. The dependent claims are believed allowable over Adams for the same reasons given above. The Examiner's reconsideration of the instant rejections is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §103

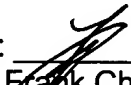
Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams (U.S. Patent No. 6,380,978) and claim 10 further in view of Burke et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,134,223). Claims 12-14, 17, 18, and 28 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Boyden et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,637). Claims 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams (U.S. Patent No. 6,380,978) in view of Hylton et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,413). Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the elements of claim 28. Claims 9, 10, 12-14, 17-18 and 20-24 depend upon claim 1 and include the limitations of claim 1. Neither Adams, Burke, Boyden, nor Hylton discloses presentation of separation media programs for viewing or listening by users at different headphones. Thus, none of the cited references teaches or suggests "at least two input sources comprise one input source providing signals to one headphone and a second input source providing signals to a second head phone", as claimed in claim 1.

Therefore, even if Adams, Burke, Boyden, and Hylton were combined, there is no teaching in any of the combinations of the features as claimed in claims 9-10, 12-14, 17, 18 and 20-24.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-10 and 12-27, currently presented, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If the Examiner believes that personal contact with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience.

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